

## **ABSTRACT**

A method is provided for determining the initial or starting dose of vitamin D compounds when used for the treatment of renal osteodystrophy or secondary

hyperparathyroidism. The starting dose is based in part on the patient's baseline PTH.

- 5 The invention also provides for the administration of an initial dose of a vitamin D compound wherein the dose is determined following the method of the invention.

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